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5. USAID COMPOUND: I SAID THAT DESPITE CONVERSATIONS OVER THE LAST TWO DAYS DEMONSTRATORS WERE STILL HOLDING OUT IN THE COMPOUND, WHICH AGAIN WAS CONTRARY TO THE VIENNA CONVENTION. PHOUMI ANSWERED THAT PRIME MINISTER HAD TALKED TO DELEGATION OF THE DEMONSTRATORS AND ASSURED THEM THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS ENTERING INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE U.S. HOWEVER, THE YOUNG MEN DID NOT LISTEN; THEY (##)

OF THE SITUATION AND

THEY WANTED AID TO BE GIVEN DIRECTLY TO THE GOVERNMENT

AND WITHOUT CONDITIONS. THIS ALSO WAS THE POSITION OF

THE GOVERNMENT. HOWEVER, THE PRIME MINISTER HAD INSTRUCTED

SOTH AND SOUKAN TO CONTINUE TO TRY TO FIND A SOLUTION TO

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THE OCCUPATION OF THE USAID COMPOUND. THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO MADE CLEAR THAT NO FORCE SHOULD BE USED AGAINST THE POPULATION.

6 NEGOTIATIONS ON AID: THROUGHOUT ENTIRE HOUR LONG CONVERSATION PHOUMI RETURNED TO ONE PRINCIPAL THEME. HE WANTED TO SETTLE MAIN ISSUE FIRST AND IF THAT COULD BE DONE, ALL ELSE WOULD BE EASILY RESOLVED, HE SAID. IF GOVERNMENT CAN SAY USAID WILL BE DISSOLVED IT WILL BE ABLE TO CONVINCE DEMONSTRATORS TO LEAVE. WHAT THEY WERE SEEKING IS TO ISSUE A COMMUNIQUE THAT TWO GOVERNMENTS HAD REACHED AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE ON THE DISSOLUTION OF USAID. THIS WOULD CALM THE SITUATION. THE YOUNG

PEOPLE, SAID PHOUMI, WANTED LAOS INDEPENDENT. PHOUMI WENT OVER ALL THE POINTS THAT HE MADE TO RAMSEY AND ME FOUR DAYS AGO; GOVERNMENT WANTED 1951 AGREEMENT MODIFIED (HE READ ME PASSAGES FROM "EXPERTS" REPORT ON THIS SUBJECT) AND DISSOLUTION OF USAID AS A SEPARATE ORGANIZATION. THEY HAD MADE THESE POINTS TO EVERYONE, HE SAID. THEY WANTED TO RECEIVE U.S. AID DIRECTLY AND HAVE U.S. EXPERTS WORKING WITH MINISTERS. IF WASHINGTON COULD AGREE TO NEGOTIATE IN PRINCIPLE ON THE DISSOLUTION OF USAID AND EXAMINATION OF THE 1951 AGREEMENT, THEN TU COMMISSION WHICH GOVERNMENT HAD SET UP COULD COME TO EMBASSY TO DISCUSS CONCRETELY ALL ISSUES. IF WE CANNOT ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE DISCUSSIONS OF THE TWO MAJOR POINTS, THEN THERE WAS NO PURPOSE IN THE COMMISSION MEETING WITH US ON DETAILS. I ANSWERED THAT MY GOVERNMENT FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO GIVE RESPONSE TO GENERALITIES. IT NEEDED CONCRETE PROPOSALS WHICH WE COULD CONSIDER. I POINTED OUT THAT WHILE WE OW

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AZ HE SHOULD REMEMBER, AS WE HAD TOLD HIM, THAT LEGISLATION REQUIRED OBSERVATION AND ACCOUNTING ON THE USE OF AID. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD, BUT THOUGHT AMERICAN EXPERTS IN MINISTRIES COULD DO THAT.

7. RADI

ABZGAUASTS: FINALLY, I EXPRESSED CONCERN AT INFLAMMATORY ANTI-AMERICAN TONE OF BROADCASTS BY LAO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NATIONAL RADIO. I SAID THAT JUST BEFORE COMING I HAD BEEN TOLD OF ONE SUCH BROADCAST WHICH SAID THAT AT MID-NIGHT (AND I WAS NOT CLEAR WHETHER IT WAS TONIGHT OR TOMORROW NIGHT) POLICE PROTECTION WOULD BE WITHDRAWN FROM AMERICANS. OUR CONVERSATION WAS INTERRUPTED BY

MR. RAMSEY WHO CALLED TO SAY THAT THERE HAD BEEN A BROADCAST THREATENING THE LIFE OF FIRST SECRETARY DAN ARNOLD. PHOUMI ANSWERED THAT HE COULD NOT BELIEVE THIS. THERE WERE NO BROADCASTS OVER LAO NATIONAL RADIO AT THIS TIME. PHOUMI SAID HE LISTENED TO THE RADIO BUT HAD HEARD NO SPECIFICALLY ANTI-AMERICAN BROADCAST. HE HAD HEARD DECLARATIONS BY INDIVIDUAL TROOP UNITS EXPRESSING THEIR LOYALTY TO THE GOVERNMENT. I ANSWERED THAT I WOULD TRY TO GET SPECIFIC EXAMPLES OF SUCH BROADCASTS TO HIM. I SIMPLY NOTED THAT IN THIS ATMOSPHERE, ENCITEMENT AGAINST AMERICANS COULD WELL LEAD CERTAIN EXTREMISTS, WHO EXIST IN ALL SOCIETIES, TO COMMIT ACTS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST AMERICANS AND THEREFORE I THOUGHT SUCH BROADCASTS MOST DANGEROUS.

8. ON MY RETURN TO THE EMBASSY, I CALLED SOTH PHETRASY TO ASCERTAIN WHAT HE WAS DOING REGARDING SETTling THE USAID COMPOUND OCCUPATION. SOTH WENT OVER VERY MUCH THE SAME GROUND AS PHOUMI, EMPHASIZING THAT THE GOVERNMENT WANTS THE U.S. TO ACCEPT IN PRINCIPLE THE TOTAL DISSOLUTION OF USAID. THE DEMONSTRATORS WHO HAD MET WITH THE PRIME MINISTER HAD INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD BE SATISFIED BY SUCH A GESTURE AND OFFERED TO EXTEND THEIR DEADLINE ON COMPLETION OF NEGOTIATIONS TO ONE MONTH FROM THE ORIGINAL THREE DAYS BUT, SAID SOTH, THEY WERE VERY FIRM ON THIS POINT. NOW SOTH DID NOT KNOW WHAT TO DO. HE HOPED THAT SOME COMPROMISE COULD BE FOUND WITH THE U.S. ON THIS ISSUE. TO PHOUMI AND SOTH ON THIS QUESTION OF AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE I INDICATED THAT I HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS AND THOUGHT THAT WASHINGTON WAS FINDING IT DIFFICULT TO TAKE A POSITION OF PRINCIPLE WHEN WE HAD NO CONCRETE PROPOSALS FROM THE PGNU. I THEREFORE SUGGESTED THAT THE PGNU SHOULD GIVE US MORE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS ON THE MODIFICATION OF THE 1951 AGREEMENT AND ON THE MANNER IN WHICH AID COULD BE PROVIDED IN ORDER TO HELP WASHINGTON MAKE A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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DECISION.

9. COMMENT: THESE CONVERSATIONS CONFIRM IN SPADE THE COUNTRY TEAM'S JUDGEMENT THAT UNTIL WE EXPRESS OUR WILLINGNESS IN PRINCIPLE TO CONSIDER THE DISSOLUTION OF USAID AS AN ORGANIZATION AND REEXAMINE THE 1951 AGREEMENT, WE HAVE REACHED AN IMPASSE. IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT IF WASHINGTON AGREES WITH THIS POSITION, IT MAY NOW APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN GIVEN UNDER DURESS.
CHAPMAN

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